

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas Weisel

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Irvine, California

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in response to the Final Office

Action mailed on July 31, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.